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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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	This is a general authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an
_	extension of time for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time.
	Applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply
	in the above identified application to the Office Action dated for month(s) so that the period for response is
	extended to . A check in the amount of \$ is enclosed to cover the fee.
	A check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached to cover the additional claim fee.
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	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the extension fee and any additional fees which may be required, or to credit
	any overpayment to account No. 19-3140. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.
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This is a response to the non final Office Action mailed October 22, 2001. Please enter the following amendments and reconsider the application in view of the remarks below.

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title to read --METHOD FOR FORMING AN OPTICAL COMPONENT---.

IN THE FIGURES

There were 15 figures on 15 sheets filed with the original application. Submitted with this Amendment and Response are proposed changes to Figures 14 and 15 with the changes to be incorporated into the new drawings shown in red. No new matter is introduced.

Applicants request the Examiner's approval for these proposed changes to the drawings.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 22, line 5 as follows:

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Fig. 12 is a diagram showing one example of simulation of a change in mean transmittance in the case of gradually increasing the thickness of an optical thin layer by using

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